In re Application of:

Docket No.: 02369.012211

Akinari TAKAGI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/838,219

Filed: April 20, 2001

For: IMAGE OBSERVATION

APPARATUS AND SYSTEM

Examiner: J. Sanders, Jr.

Group Art Unit: 3737

Date: September 17, 2003

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

X Additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | | |
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| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 129 | MINUS | 142 | = 42 | x \$9 \$18 | \$ 0.00 | |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 6 | MINUS | 5 | = 2 | x \$40 \$84 | \$ 84.00 | |
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| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | | \$ 84.00 | |

°Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

| X | A check in the amount of \$\frac{84.00}{} is enclosed. |
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| | Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. |
| X | Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06 1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed. |
| | A check in the amount of \$ to cover the fee for a month extension is enclosed. |
| | A check in the amount of \$ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed. |
| X | Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below. |

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.

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